

Washington, DC – U.S. Congressman Ciro D. Rodriguez (TX-23) announced Thursday that the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Defense recommended funding for six Defense-related projects in the 23rd Congressional District. The projects are located in San Antonio, Alpine and El Paso.

“This funding will support some of the most critical research taking place in the world of defense today,” said Congressman Rodriguez. “By funding these projects that capitalize on new technology, we can improve our response to security threats, protect our soldiers and save lives.”

The six recommendations are:

- Research into managing non-compressible hemorrhage following combat injury at the National Trauma Institute in **San Antonio**. Hemorrhage is responsible for 30 to 40 % of deaths following trauma. This project develops rapid techniques for use by non-surgeons on the battlefield - **\$2.5 million**

- Funding for the Texas Research Institute for Environmental Studies at Sul Ross State University in **Alpine**. The research turns wastewater into potable water and is useful in disaster areas and the battlefield - **\$1 million**

- A flashlight soldier-to-soldier combat identification system produced by ATR Electronics in **San Antonio**. Friendly fire casualties increased 300 % during the invasion of Iraq compared to Desert Storm in 1991. This research reduces friendly-fire casualties by enabling greater identification among friendly troops - **\$4.5 million**

- BUSTER Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV) Blacklight Night Vision Advanced Technology to provide surveillance capability unknown in today's military. Technology produced by Mission Technologies in **San Antonio** - **\$1 million**

- Funding for the Center for Hetero-functional Materials at Sul Ross State University in **Al**

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. The project explores the miniaturization and versatility of electronic components to reduce cost and size and improve functionality -

\$1 million

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Mobile Optical Tracking System (MOTS) All Sky Imager project, which dramatically increases the detection of threatening launch locations. The system at

Fort Bliss in El Paso

is mobile and can be strategically placed -

\$1.2 million

The six recommendations go next week to the full House Appropriations Committee, of which Congressman Rodriguez is a member, then the House floor.